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Unprecedented Steel Boom.

The New York Times has a lengthy review of the steel boom, which is most encouraging and reveals the height of prosperity to which the great industry has attained. It shows an abnormal demand throughout the world, and a prosperous condition unprecedented. The mills are all working overtime and the steady increase in price is not due, according to the manufacturers, to the combinations. Contractors are suffering because the demand exceeds the supply, notwithstanding the hundred or more large mills in the United States are working to their fullest capacity. "Railroad corporations which ordered thousands of tons of steel rails early in the present year are still waiting for deliveries; the building of bridges in certain localities has been deferred for want of steel, and architects and builders on every hand are complaining that their interests are suffering because of the inability of the mills in supplying structural steel."

The production of pig iron in this country last year was in round numbers 12,000,000 tons, and 8,982,857 tons of steel of all kinds. The review says:

This output of steel included 6,000,017 tons of Bessemer steel and 2,230,282 tons of open-hearth steel. An increase of 10 per cent of steel was shown over 1897 amounting to 1,714,560 tons, or more than 24 per cent. In steel structural shapes the increase in 1898 over 1897 was 118,497 tons, or more than 20 per cent; in plates and sheets the increase was 21,015 tons, or almost 20 per cent, and in Bessemer steel rails the increase was 32,132 tons, or more than 20 per cent.

It is expected that the gross output of pig iron in this country for the present year of 1899 will be 14,000,000 tons, and estimating three-fourths of this tonnage as steel, gives an output of steel at the current year of 10,500,000 tons. Experts predict that the proportion of steel to iron will be greater than ever before. Among the causes is the increase of electrical railways, and the building of large business structures. Within the past year, says the Times, the prices of first-class steel rails have ranged from \$18 to \$26 per ton and steel billets have been quoted from \$16 to \$41.

One of the features of the situation is the remarkable demand from foreign countries for American steel and pig iron. The calamity howlers who were asking where is that promised prosperity are silent, and Mr. Bryan's once popular inquiry, "Have you seen General Prosperity lately?" has been buried under the overwhelming testimony, so self-evident—for it is not only of the steel industry these facts may be related, but it is all along the line.

The boom in the steel industry means increased demand for labor at increased wages; it means a tremendous demand for coal and coke. You are not hearing of big coal strikes this year. Our export trade has similarly effected all lines of industry, and the balance in our favor has astounded Europe, which has seen its day in supplying the Old World. America stands triumphant.

Treason vs. Patriotism.

The Register occupies about three-fourths of its editorial space to prove that the Intelligencer "has broken the ice and come out in plain language for the imperial policy of the administration," and, in order to do so, has done a vast amount of garbling and reiterated silly falsehoods. The fact is the Intelligencer stands precisely where it has stood for more than forty years past—for the United States government, the honor of its flag, the sacredness of its international obligations, its credit, and the upholding of the hands of a patriotic President in his faithfulness to duty.

Can the Register take its own history for the thirty-eight years it has lived and say as much? Did it uphold the hands of President Lincoln when he was receiving even worse abuse at the hands of the northern Democracy than McKinley is now receiving? Within the past year and a half was it not calling President McKinley a coward because he did not declare war on Spain before Congress took action? If McKinley was a coward for trying to settle a dispute by diplomacy to avoid bloodshed, is he also a coward in faithfully fulfilling the obligations of the war when it did come, and cheerfully taking the burdens and responsibilities that were imposed upon him, and the Register's party helped to do it?

If the Register wants the President to withdraw the troops from Luzon and leave foreign and American interests to the mercy of Aguinaldo and his bands of warriors, why does it not come out plainly and say so, as did the predecessor of the present proprietorship in the days when the country was split in two in a factional war? Why

hasn't it the courage to commit such an act of treason and take the punishment that he had the courage to do?

What does the Register hope to gain for itself by abusing the commander-in-chief of the armies and navies of the country, for carrying out the natural results of a war that its own party helped to force upon the country? Let the Register come out squarely and join the Atkinsonian League, which is circulating a pamphlet on the "Apostasy of America," in which all our national airs are paraphrased by reversing their language, "the Philippines" being substituted for "the United States," even the great national song, "The Star Spangled Banner," not escaping the blasphemous use?

Let the Register come out squarely and openly declare itself an enemy of the country, a sympathizer of the insurrectionists, who have shot down our brave soldiers, or a faithful supporter of the flag and all that it represents.

Statistics on Alcoholic Effects.

The British Medical Association has been making some statistics about the effects of indulgence in alcoholic drinks. The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, commenting on the results, says that the demonstrations are possibly for the purpose of personal justification, and they find that the proportionate death rate of total abstainers is greater than that of the temperate tippler, the argument being that in prescribing a moderate indulgence for the stomach's sake the inspired writer was clearly within health regulations. In making this comparison, the ages and the causes of death of 4,234 persons, whose habits were known, have been tabulated. It appears that "on an average total abstainers from liquor lived 51.22 years; habitual drunkards, 52.93 years; free drinkers, 57.59 years; careless drinkers, 59.67 years, and the habitually temperate individuals, 62.13 years."

It goes without saying, says our contemporary, that the deductions will be challenged by the total abstainers, as based upon a false premise. The argument will be made that the conclusions are drawn from a comparatively small number of cases and are misleading and of no value; that "among the 4,234 persons whose deaths were recorded, there may have been only a few total abstainers or habitual drunkards, the former happening to be short-lived."

Medical statistics which cover but a few cases are utterly worthless. In case it might appear, after an investigation of 1,000,000 deaths that the death rate of the total abstainers is not as low as that of habitual drunkards, then the total abstinence advocate will have to take a new track or acknowledge they are wrong, and proceed "to perform the proper action in all such contingencies made and provided."

But in this contest of statistics the temperance people are somewhat adept, and until the final figure is checked off they may be counted upon us by no means defeated. In fact, the weight of the statistics will all be on their side and the vindication of their position thoroughly demonstrated.

Emancipation Day.

The portrait of Abraham Lincoln will be strictly in evidence on Friday. Friday is sometimes counted as an unlucky day, but, rain or shine, our colored brothers never fail on the 22d of September to render tribute to Father Abraham. Friday will be Emancipation Day, and every freedman, old and young, will make it a holiday and do honor to the day in a manner such as only the colored citizen can do it.

When Lincoln signed the proclamation setting free the colored race and wiping out forever on this continent the curse of slavery, he struck the bonds from 3,000,000 human beings. Today the colored population is more than 7,000,000, and they have been celebrating Emancipation Day, and that glorious act of humanity by our great war President, annually for the thirty-six years that have elapsed since the document was signed.

Considering the colored race in this country had been in slavery for centuries, the progress that it has made in the generation, especially in the north, since it was released from bondage, and the disadvantages and prejudices it has had to contend with, has made wonderful progress, in the way of education and advancement. Who shall say that in another thirty-six years, with the colored schools and colleges and churches, and other institutions being established, the next thirty-six years will not witness completely the solution of the race question?

With increased advantages each generation enjoys there is no doubt of it. Each succeeding generation finds thousands of additional schools established, and the south is beginning to look to this remedy. The question, through educational means and those of such men as Booker Washington, may solve itself long before political demagogues are able to agree.

The crisis in the Transvaal affair seems to have reached the climax and war is almost inevitable. The Boers have defied the British government by repudiating the queen's suzerainty. The London press is unanimous in the opinion that peace is already at an end, and that the Boers intend to make a fight for what they regard as their rights. It is stated that the Orange Free State will ally itself with Kruger. There is one piece of misinformation, however, from Cape Town to the London Daily Mail that Americans will resent. It is to the effect that the Afrikaner Bund circles have circulated that President McKinley has intervened between Great Britain and the Transvaal. Not one word of truth is in this report, nor has there ever been, nor will there ever be a basis for it.

Bryan is coming to Ohio to speak for McLean. It is suggested that possibly Mr. Bryan will, while on this tour, refrain, for the time being, to refer to his opposition to plutocrats.

John R. McLean actually has the audacity to say that the Ohio Democrats have no money, while the Republicans have plenty of it. This must mean that McLean will not contribute any portion of his millions, or it means that the Democrats must look to the fifty-cent dollars it advocates for their funds. If

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The latter theory is correct, the workers will be obliged to await a long while for their pay, and this will be a discouraging feature of the campaign. We congratulate in advance Judge Nash on his approaching election.

The Cleveland Leader calls upon Mr. Aguilando Atkinson to give an opinion concerning the expansion of school houses all over the country.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

The click of the well-filled purse is a snap. When a man loses his head he talks through his hat.

As a silent partner the hen-pecked husband fits the bill. The performance of the amateur musician is often a music rack.

Self-admiration is ample proof that there is no accounting for tastes. Gossip sometimes gains currency, but it isn't the kind you can pay debts with.

The other half usually has to live on what the better-half knows how to cook.

Yachting is not expensive—if you are fortunate enough to be an invited guest.

A philosopher says it is much easier to make a blunder than it is to acknowledge it.

It's a good thing for men that women's dispositions don't depend on the fit of their shoes.

What a jolly old planet this world would be if every man would act as he thinks his neighbor should.

Babies are always blessings, but they would be considered doubly blessed, if it wasn't for their persistence in keeping awake when other folks want to sleep.—Chicago Daily News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Love without jealousy is like fruit cake without any raisins in it.

No woman is near as easy to shock when she has got her shoes off.

There probably never was a woman who believed in woman's rights whose hair curled naturally.

If you would demonstrate love mathematically, only about half as many people would believe in it.

A woman will go down town and stay all day with a shirt waist on with nothing over it, and then act awfully insulted if a man takes off his coat in the restaurant and eats in his coat sleeves.—New York Press.

A Hollow Cry.

Burlington, Iowa, Hawkeye: The cry of "imperialism" began at the birth of the republic and has had echoes all the way along the march of the great nation. Meanwhile, the semi-regal style of Washington's administration has given way to a more democratic one.

Slavery has been abolished, the franchise has been enlarged, laws for the protection and elevation of the poor man have been enacted, the rights of labor protected and the fullness of the vintage of freedom realized. Our standing army, that monster bogie and scarecrow is less in proportion to population than in the days of Washington, and in a thousand other respects the legislation, the courts, the commercial customs and political traditions and practices have been getting farther and farther away from the inheritance from the kingdom of Great Britain of the time of George the Third, and of contemporary countries of continental Europe. The opportunities, the purposes, and the prerogatives of man have developed wonderfully, and while the nation collectively is stronger, the rights of the individual citizen are far stronger in proportion.

This is history. It is truth. No man need be deceived by the silly twaddle about "imperialism." The cry is born of the spawn of partisan ambition, only that and nothing more. Its purpose is—voters. Its object—political power.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"Wouldn't you like to live your life over again?" "And owe twice as much as I do?" "Not much!"—Tit-Bits.

"How Some Men Like It"—"Do you believe in the observance of the golden rule?" "Yes, I always like to have other people keep it in mind when they are dealing with me."—Chicago Times-Herald.

"The Real Need"—"A self-opening and closing umbrella has been invented." "That's all right. What the world needs is an umbrella that will find its way back home when stolen."—Detroit Free Press.

Knew What He Wanted—The Amiable Plutocrat—But riches do not bring happiness. The Unamiable Pauper—But I ain't lookin' for happiness. All I want is comfort.—Indianapolis Journal.

Important—"There is an insane man at large in Rennes!" "Indeed!" exclaimed the prosecuting officer. "I was certain immediately if his hallucination is on our side of the case."—Washington Star.

Under the New Order—Relative from beyond the suburbs—"Mandy, who's that young fellow snooping around in the kitchen? City Niece—Never mind, him, Aunt Ann. He's the hired girl."—Chicago Tribune.

One Man's Theory—Giles—Statistics show that fewer men kill drunkards' graves than in former years. Miles—What's the cause? World—Growing old. Giles—No. I guess cremation has something to do with it.—Chicago News.

The Word Splitter Squealed—They were gazing across the lake. "It looks like rain," said the man who is reckless with his English. "What looks like rain?" coldly inquired the word splitter. "Water," said the reckless man.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Reason for It—"Why is she only in half mourning?" "Of course she married the wrong man," answered the lady of the house. "When I was first married I was foolish enough to occasionally look for a servant, but I got over that. I'm looking for a general supervisor of the household now."—Chicago Evening Post.

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London Telegraph: Those who received with consternation the news that a huge whisky vat was being built at the house of commons, will draw some comfort from the assurance that the kitchen committee contemplates no startling scheme of distilling or even of blending the spirits consumed by the members and their friends. A vat has been constructed—in fact, the workmen completed their task recently—and it forms a very handsome and useful addition to the wine cellar, which is situated under the members' dining room. But all idea of public money being used to enable the kitchen committee to experiment in whisky blending is ridiculous.

The vat has been built as the result of a private arrangement between Messrs. Rutherford & Kay, of London, Edinburgh and Birmingham, the firm who supply the house of commons with their blended whisky, and the kitchen committee, of which Lord Valentia is chairman. It has not cost the nation one cent, having been built at the expense of the firm, and will remain their property. The arrangement has been made in consequence of the growing popularity of Scotch whisky among members and their friends, the consumption having increased during recent years by perhaps fifty per cent. Any deduction, however, that our legislators are less temperate in their habits would be altogether unwarranted. The simple explanation is that Scotch whisky, and to an almost equal degree, light wines, are taken to an increasing extent in place of other beverages.

The vat, which is of oak, is oval in shape, 5 feet 6 inches in height, by 6 feet 7 inches in width and 4 feet 1 inch across, and its capacity is 700 gallons. Possessing this huge storage vessel at the house of commons, Messrs. Rutherford & Kay will be able to supply the kitchen committee more economically and more conveniently, but the chief consideration which has led to the building of the vat is that the spirit shall be of the highest quality. A word of explanation is needed as to how the vat tends to improve the quality of the spirit. It is tapped at a point about one-third from the ground, and thus there will always remain, under any circumstances, some 250 gallons of spirit for the mellowing and maturing of the whisky which takes the place of the spirit drawn off for consumption.

Sidewalk of Iron Rust.

Boston Herald.—People passing the North End park last week were no doubt surprised to see a young woman on her hands and knees, in the midst of a gang of workmen, engaged in building a sidewalk.

Miss Winnie M. Robinson, hailing from Oxford county, Maine, who was doing the work, is a pioneer woman contractor in this country. She is about 25 years of age. She has invented a new kind of sidewalk, but as she does not wish any one to take her word for it, unsupported, she obtained a permit from the city of Boston to build a section and allow time and use to prove its worth.

The sidewalk presents much the same appearance as does asphalt, but its color is a reddish hue. Those who have seen it say it looks like iron rust, and such it really is, for it is a sidewalk made of iron rust.

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